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1. I CALLED ON MINISTER OF TRADE RADIUS PRAWIRO JULY 7 TO  
RAISE POINTS IN PARAGRAPHS 3-7 REF A REGARDING US-ASEAN WASH-  
INGTON MEETING AND TO PROBE HIM ABOUT HIS PRESENT FEELINGS  
ABOUT THE MEETING AS WELL AS THE MAKEUP OF THE GOI DELEGATION.  
I HAD PREVIOUSLY GIVEN THE ESSENCE OF REF A ORALLY TO FOR MIN  
MOCHTAR. I MENTIONED THAT WE HAD BEEN PICKING UP SIGNALS OF  
CONCERN IN SEVERAL ASEAN CAPITALS ABOUT THE POTENTIAL RESULTS  
OF THE MEETING AND THAT WE WERE ANXIOUS TO AVOID ANY MISUNDER-  
STANDING, PARTICULARLY ON THE MATTER OF "CONCRETE RESULTS".

2. PRAWIRO WAS HIS USUAL FRIENDLY AND RELAXED SELF AND  
LISTENED ATTENTIVELY, INTERRUPTING ONLY OCCASIONALLY TO ASK  
ONE OR TWO QUESTIONS. ADDRESSING THE QUESTION OF THE GOI  
DELEGATION, PRAWIRO CONFIRMED THAT MINISTER OF STATE  
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WIDJOJO WOULD HEAD THE INDONESIAN DELEGATION AND THAT HE  
(PRAWIRO) WOULD BE THE OTHER MINISTER TO GO ALONG, ASSUM-  
ING THAT HE "HAD BEEN ABLE TO FINISH WORK ON DOMESTIC  
PROBLEMS BY THE END OF JULY". EXPANDING ON THE LATTER,  
PRAWIRO EXPLAINED THAT IN VIEW OF THE PROXIMITY OF THE  
NATIONAL HOLIDAY AND LEBARAN SEASON THE GOI WAS ANXIOUS  
THAT SUFFICIENT DOMESTIC SUPPLIES OF KEY COMMODITIES WERE

AVAILABLE TO AVOID SUDDEN PRICES INCREASES. THE GOVERNMENT, HE SAID, WAS EAGER TO MAINTAIN ITS PRESENT LOW INFLATION RATE AND ACCORDINGLY HE WANTS TO BE CERTAIN THAT EVERYTHING IS IN ORDER BEFORE HE DEPARTS FOR WASHINGTON.

3. TURNING BACK TO ASEAN, PRAWIRO HAD NO SPECIFIC REACTIONS ON THE QUESTION OF EXPECTATIONS AND HIS FEW COMMENTS IMPLIED THAT HE HIMSELF IS NOT TOO CONCERNED ON THIS SCORE. HE WONDERED, HOWEVER, WHETHER THE PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT HAD CONVEYED TO US THE ASEAN VIEW THAT MORE EMPHASIS SHOULD BE PLACED ON TRADE AND COMMODITY PROBLEMS DURING THE WASHINGTON MEETING AND NOT SO MUCH DISCUSSION ON DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION. I REMINDED PRAWIRO THAT IT WAS THE ASEAN DESIRE WHICH HAD PROMPTED US TO GIVE CONSIDERABLE ATTENTION TO DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION, NOTING THE MANY FIELDS, SUCH AS ENERGY, AGRICULTURAL PLANNING, ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS, IN WHICH WE COULD BE VERY HELPFUL ON AN ASEAN-WIDE BASIS. PRAWIRO ALSO NOTED THE ASEAN DESIRE TO HAVE AMPLE TIME FOR DISCUSSION WITH CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS. I TOLD HIM THAT THE PROPOSED AGENDA FULLY REFLECTED THIS WISH AND THAT AMPLE TIME WAS BEING SET ASIDE FOR SERIOUS DISCUSSIONS WITH THE LEADERS. I THEN GAVE PRAWIRO, ON A STRICTLY INFORMAL BASIS, DRAFT AGENDA CONTAINED IN REF B, POINTING TO THE PREPONDERANCE OF TIME DEVOTED TO TRADE  
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ISSUES. PRAWIRO WAS CLEARLY PLEASED AS WELL AS IMPRESSED BY THIS AGENDA.

4. COMMENTS: I EXPECT TO HAVE A MEETING WITH MINISTER WIDJOJO THIS WEEK AND WILL BE MAKING THE SAME POINTS TO HIM. WIDJOJO MAY SPEAK MORE SPECIFICALLY ON THE MATTER OF EXPECTATIONS, BUT I SUSPECT THAT WHEN HE SEES THE DRAFT AGENDA (WHICH HE MAY HAVE ALREADY THROUGH HIS OWN CHANNELS) HE WILL BE CONSIDERABLY REASSURED, PARTICULARLY BY THE HIGH LEVEL INPUT ON THE US SIDE. MEANWHILE I HAVE NO RECENTLY DETECTED HERE ANY PARTICULAR DISGRUNTLEMENT ABOUT OUR EMPHASIS ON HAVING THE ECONOMIC MINISTERS IN THE SADDLE. MY HUNCHES ARE THAT THE INDONESIANS HAVE RESOLVED WHATEVER DIFFERENCES THERE MAY HAVE BEEN INTERNALLY IN THE JAVANESE MANNER AND THAT THEY ARE PLEASED WITH THE OPPORTUNITY FOR WIDJOJO TO GET HIGH LEVEL EXPOSURE IN WASHINGTON. HE IS OF COURSE CLEARLY THE MAN FOR SUCH A MEETING AND WILL BE ABLY SECONDED BY PRAWIRO. THE FOREIGN MINISTRY WILL NOT BE LEFT ON THE SIDELINES AND AS PRAWIRO INDICATED, A SENIOR DEPLU OFFICIAL WILL PROBABLY BE ON THE GOI DELEGATION.

5. REGARDING EXPECTATIONS, I BELIEVE  
THAT THE EXCELLENT AGENDA CONTAINED REF B, AND PARTICULARLY THE MAKEUP OF THE US PARTICIPANTS, SHOULD GO FAR IN REASSURING THE ASEAN COUNTRIES. OUR EMPHASIS SHOULD OF COURSE BE ON THE EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ASPECT (EMPHASIS ON "EXCHANGE") OF THE MEETING AND SUFFICIENT TIME SHOULD BE ALLOTTED DURING THE DISCUSSIONS TO GIVE THE ASEAN DELEGATES AN OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE THEIR OWN PITCH. THIS WILL HELP AVOID ANY CRITICISM THAT THE US WAS MERELY LECTURING THE ASEAN. EXPECTATIONS AMONG THE VARIOUS ASEAN COUNTRIES AND EVEN AMONG THE VARIOUS OFFICIALS WITHIN THE COUNTRIES CLEARLY DIFFER TO SOME EXTENT, BUT IF THEY ALL UNDERSTAND FROM THE OUTSET THAT THE  
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MEETING IS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THEM TO HELP US AND THEIR GOVERNMENTS IN FOCUSING EXECUTIVE BRANCH AND CONGRESSIONAL ATTENTION ON THEIR PROBLEMS, THIS CAN CONTRIBUTE SUBSTANTIALLY TO A POSITIVE OUTCOME OF THE MEETING.  
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